

## Team "Fair Share" Donation

Our Club is primarily funded by the parents! Our District provides some stipends to help with Event Coaches and our team parents work hard on fundraising, but we need everyone to contribute their "fair share". Our funds go toward registration fees for tournaments, dues to Speech & Debate associations and to pay our Head Coach, other coaching resources, and team infrastructure.

What are the benefits for your student & our team?

- Each team member is part of a 100+ person strong team that allows them to try different Speech & Debate events and be as active as they wish
- Wednesday night meetings provide a minimum of 64 hours of coaching, instruction & practice over the course of the school year. Active students can earn academic credit
- Tournament fees run between \$15-\$125 per tournament per person (with additional fees for the school's registration) and student fees are covered for all league tournaments and selected invitationals, as indicated on our General Team Calendar
- Student and school membership fees are paid to the main Speech & Debate organizations and students can earn National Forensic League points that lead to honors when they graduate

The team does some significant fundraising (selling leis, etc.) which raises \$4K per year. We estimate that our team expenses BEYOND this fundraising will be \$350-450 per student. No one will ever be turned away due to financial hardship as one of our principles is inclusion and learning for everyone.

- **If every family could contribute \$395, we can ensure that the program remains strong.**
- **If you are a family that is fortunate to have resources, please consider donating for your child as well as a "scholarship" for a child whose family may not be able to afford to donate.**
- **If you are a family who may need a scholarship, please contact our Head of Speech & Debate Programs, Julie Herman, [julie.ann.herman@gmail.com](mailto:julie.ann.herman@gmail.com).**
- If you are an ongoing Speech & Debate family, we ask that you make your contribution ASAP.
- If you are a new family and want to see how whether your child is committed to Speech & Debate, please try to donate by September or October.
- If you just love Speech & Debate, please donate ASAP!

**Please make your check payable to MVHS (even if the student attends LAHS). In the Memo section, write "Speech and Debate" and your student's name; checks can be mailed to Speech & Debate Club, Sky Seow, Treasurer, Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040.** *Since your contribution is being made through the ASB which is organized as a non-profit group (a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization), your contribution may be tax deductible and may be eligible for matching funds from your employer. Consult with your tax advisor for further guidance.*

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

My student's name \_\_\_\_\_ My student's school \_\_\_\_\_

**Please have your student deliver this form and your check to the next Speech & Debate Meeting.**

If this is not possible, forms can be sent to: Speech & Debate Club, Sky Seow, Treasurer, Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040